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## Dear Superintendent:

I want to express my support for the California School Information Services (CSIS) program and my appreciation for your participation. In an unprecedented year of budget cuts, the CSIS program continues to be supported. The Governor and Legislature understand the value of CSIS to California, and enthusiastically support the work that your district and our joint Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team/California Department of Education CSIS staff are conducting. I am convinced that this investment in student data will provide California the information it needs as a basis to implement accountability and to inform local and state policy decisions that improve the quality of education in our state.

While the state continues to face serious budget challenges in the near term, I believe that continuing to make CSIS a benefit to your district is important for the future of California. We will continue to work with your district and CSIS to move forward with this program.

I thank you for the support of your staff and participation in this historic effort.

Sincerely,

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